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OMINOUS NEWS FROM FAR EAST CAUSES GREAT COMMENT

Conference of Military Experts Called at St. Petersburg to See What Can Be Done to Uphold General Kuropatkin.

HE MAY BE OBLIGED TO ORDER A RETREAT

St. Petersburg, via the Frontier, March 2.—Official circles at the Russian capital have been seized with great alarm owing to the ominous news from the far east and a conference has been held of the military experts who discussed the Japanese movement and debated at length what action the Russian government should take at the present time to uphold General Kuropatkin. It is felt that the Japanese have him in a very precarious position and one in which it may be necessary for him again to order a general retreat. It is recognized that the Japanese movement at this time is prompted by a desire to try to crush General Kuropatkin in the belief that a Russian defeat at this time would compel the czar to sue for peace because of internal conditions in Russia.

Facing this fact the Russian military experts feel that General Kuropatkin should go to any length to maintain his positions, for the present at least. Failing in this, however, there is a growing belief that the Russian forces should abandon Mukden and retreat to Harbin, taking possession of the well nigh impregnable fortifications that have been built there. While this would mean the abandonment of all of Manchuria to the Japanese, the Russians could retain all of the territory beyond that point and also be able to prevent the Japanese taking Vladivostok.

It is reported that at the conference one of those present, who is recognized at one of Russia's ablest military experts declared that matters had now so far progressed that the Japanese would probably be able to take Mukden, no matter how good a defense General Kuropatkin put up. He is said to have pointed out the superior power of the Japanese artillery, their greater numerical strength and to have stated that in his opinion, it would be better for Russia to abandon all of Manchuria to the Japanese without much more than a perfunctory

resistance, rather than to lose several thousand men and then to be obliged to surrender it anyhow. He is said to have pointed out that were the Russians to retire to Harbin a good excuse could be given for the movement, but were they to wait until they were defeated and compelled to retreat there, they would be able to do nothing and would likely have to accept humiliating terms of peace and then be compelled to face a revolution at home.

This sentiment is said to have met with the approval of many of those present at the conference but it was finally decided to wait and see how the present Japanese penetrating movement was likely to turn out.

FIGHTING CONTINUES.
St. Petersburg, March 2.—While several reports have been received as to the progress of the fighting in Manchuria, nothing had been given out until a late hour last night by the general staff.

The fighting before Mukden continues to be general and the entire line is involved, the Japanese apparently being anxious to make a desperate attempt to pierce the Russian position. The enemy, throughout Wednesday concentrated a tremendous fire with field and siege artillery against Poutitoff (Lone Tree) Hill. The bombardment was so fierce that the entire hill was enveloped in smoke and the casualties were large, but the Russian artillery fire in return was fully as effective.

The fighting is becoming more intense and the result is still problematical. The battle line extends for nearly 100 miles and both entire forces are engaged. The artillery fire is general and persistent along the whole front.

The enemy has suffered a severe repulse near Koudayu, where the attack was repelled after desperate fighting on the part of the Russian forces.

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WIDOW OF LELAND STANFORD DIES SUDDENLY AT HONOLULU

Suspicious That She Was Poisoned by Strychnine. "This Is a Horrible Death to Die," She Was Heard to Say.

Honolulu, March 1.—The autopsy on the body of Mrs. Leland Stanford was completed tonight with the exception of the analysis of the contents of the stomach. The surgeons who performed it declined to make any statement other than that the immediate cause of death was tetanus of the respiratory organs, a form of paralysis. As to the cause of this they stated that nothing could be said until after the examination of the stomach's contents had been made.

This report will be ready for Sheriff Henry tomorrow when the inquest will be held.

Arrangements have been completed for the autopsy to be held on the body of Mrs. Jane Lathrop Stanford, widow of the late United States Senator Leland Stanford, who died here last night at the Monana hotel under suspicious circumstances. Pending the examination to be made the authorities decline to express an opinion as to whether Mrs. Stanford was poisoned, as has been reported, and as her own words would indicate.

Mrs. Stanford was taken ill at 11 o'clock when A. Heunische, of San Francisco, who occupied an adjoining suite to her rooms in the hotel was attracted to the apartment by hearing her groans. She apparently had tried to summon help, but had been overcome before she could do so.

Mrs. Stanford, when found, exclaimed: "I have been poisoned." Her last words were: "This is a horrible death to die."

Mrs. Stanford came here two weeks ago from San Francisco on the steam-

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SMALLPOX

Keeps Pinkerton Men at Safe Distance From Train Robber.

Vancouver, B. C., March 1.—Word has been received here that Bill Miner, who is said to have held up the Canadian Pacific express last summer, has been located somewhere in Washington state. He is ill with smallpox and is being watched at a distance by two Pinkerton detectives.

Miner and two companions, after making a big haul of gold dust and money, separated. Miner doubled back and hid in an abandoned cabin near the scene of the crime directly in the track of the police, but was never discovered. He lived there alone until he became dangerously ill and was finally compelled to seek friends in Washington for assistance. This led to his discovery. Miner has served 25 years for hold-ups. There are rewards aggregating \$2,500 for the train robbers.

THE PREACHER AND THE MAID

ILLICIT LOVE GETS BOTH INTO TROUBLE.

Rev. Cordova and His Erstwhile Organist Arrested at Washington. Girl Cries.

New Brunswick, N. J., March 1.—Word was received from Major Sylvester, chief of police at Washington, saying that the trunk of the Rev. J. F. Cordova, the missing minister, who is supposed to have run away a second time with Julia Bowne, of South River, N. J., had been located in that city. County Prosecutor Berdane at once notified the Washington authorities to hold Cordova and the girl if they could be found in that city.

It is the intention of the prosecutor to proceed against Cordova on the charge of wife desertion. If Cordova cannot be held in Washington on such a charge, he declared he will have the former minister indicted on the charge of being short in his accounts with the church of which he formerly was pastor. If such an indictment is returned Cordova can be brought back here on extradition papers when the charge of abandonment can be placed against him. Mrs. Cordova came here yesterday from Ocean Port where she has been living with relatives and conferred with Prosecutor Berdane. She said she has been compelled to provide for her three children for ten months. Cordova after securing employment in New York, under an assumed name, for a time sent her remittances, but these stopped some time ago.

A despatch received here from Washington tonight announced that the Rev. J. F. Cordova and Miss Julia Bowne were arrested there. Detectives left immediately for the capital to bring the couple back to South River, N. J.

Cordova was caught alone while going to a drug store. Later Miss Bowne was found in a boarding house in Thirty-second street. She cried when arrested and declared she and Cordova had been married. She would not say more about the ceremony except that it had been performed last summer, at the time they first ran away together.

LIFE CRUSHED OUT

Victim of East Liverpool Fire—Wall Fell and Killed Bert Swearingen.

East Liverpool, March 1.—As a fitting climax to the disastrous fire of last night from a tragic standpoint came the only fatality at 2:30 o'clock this morning. A portion of the brick wall on the Market street side of the Thompson building fell and caught Bert Swearingen, aged about 21 years, who was standing on the pavement in front of the ruins.

The falling bricks struck the young man on the head and knocked him into the cellar of the building among the debris. Witnesses to the tragedy immediately ran to the point and with difficulty the body was taken out and carried into the wall paper store of Zeb Kinsey. The entire left side of the head and face was crushed in and when Dr. A. B. Ogden, who was in the vicinity, arrived he stated that death must have been instantaneous.

Killed in Headon Collision.

Louisville, Ky., March 1.—Three men were killed and two injured in a headon collision today on the Knoxville branch of the Louisville & Nashville railroad, seven miles south of Lebanon Junction.

The wreckage caught fire and a special relief and wrecking train was sent from Louisville. Both engines were demolished and six freight cars were wrecked.

FATAL DUEL

Between Railroad Conductor and Proprietor of Hotel.

Huntington, W. Va., March 1.—Captain Frank B. Eleswick, of Portsmouth, Ohio, conductor of a passenger train on the Norfolk & Western railroad and George Waller, proprietor of the Nagantuck hotel and one of the best known citizens of Mingo county, fought a duel here tonight with the result that the latter was instantly killed.

When Eleswick's train pulled into the station, Captain Eleswick started walking down the platform. He met Waller. The men had previously had trouble and they passed a few words. Revolvers were simultaneously drawn and the firing began. Passengers peered from the car windows and as they witnessed the spectacle, many women fainted in their seats.

Captain Eleswick proved the better marksman. He killed Waller and he himself escaped with only a flesh wound in the arm. He then surrendered himself to the authorities.

PACKING WORKMEN ARE REORGANIZING

PRESIDENT GOMPERS IS DIRECTING THE EFFORT.

Skilled Men Complain That While There Is No Cut in Wages They Have to Do More Work.

Omaha, Neb., March 1.—The reorganization of the packing workmen has begun. Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor is providing the funds and efforts are being directed to strengthening the unions with a view to submitting a new wage scale at as early a date as possible.

The skilled men are complaining that, although there has been no cut in their wages since the strike, they are forced to perform a much larger amount of work in the day, and that a number of them have been put out of employment. The cut in the wages of the unskilled men, has brought them down to 15 cents an hour, which does not provide the necessities of life, as compared with 19½ cents before the strike.

President Donnelly, of the amalgamated association, who has been in Omaha for several days has laid the foundation for a new organization.

Stephen Vail, will be left in charge of the local unions and a corps of organizers has been appointed to work with him.

While here Donnelly took occasion to gather additional testimony against the so-called beef trust, which he will present before the grand jury in Chicago.

HYPNOTIST

Mrs. Karrer Said Changed Her Husband From a Respectable Saloonkeeper to a Bank Robber.

Des Moines, Ia., March 1.—Upon the plea that her husband was hypnotized into leaving an honest business to become a professional bank robber, Mrs. Karl Karrer, of Treynor, has commenced suit for \$20,000 damages against Miss Minnie Oldero, the alleged hypnotist.

Mrs. Karrer's husband is now serving a term in the penitentiary for complicity in the Treynor bank robbery. She claims that prior to the time when the Oldero woman began to practice her seductive wiles upon her husband that he was a respectable saloonkeeper; that he met this woman with whom he became smitten, that she took advantage of his infatuation to ruin him and that it was to satisfy the Oldero woman's insatiable demand for money that he was led into the bank robbery.

Texas Bribery Case.

Austin, Tex., March 1.—No progress was made today in the trial of District Attorney W. W. Moore, charged with accepting a bribe for the dismissal of the indictment against the Kirby Lumber Co., owing to the illness of a juror.

W. B. Wortham, former state treasurer, who turned state's evidence in the case and who at the opening of the session in January was appointed clerk of the finance committee in the house of representatives resigned today. The resignation was accepted.

Suit Against Standard Oil.

Topeka, Kas., March 1.—The attorney general of Kansas has brought proceedings against the Prairie Gas and Oil Co. (the Standard), asking for a receiver, under the state anti-trust law.

Was General Jackson's Slave.

Dallas, Tex., March 1.—Noah Guinn a negro 86 years of age died in Grayson county, Texas last night. When a young man, Guinn was a slave of General Jackson, in Tennessee.

SENATE STOPPED FEAR OF AN EXTRA SESSION

Worked Overtime to Pass Supply Bills Carrying Over \$360,000,000--Pneumatic Tube Mail Service Turned Down in the Senate.

SUNDAY APPROPRIATION BILL PASSED

Washington, D. C., March 1.—With a speed enforced by absolute necessity the senate within four hours today cleared away a blockade that has been threatening an extra session of congress, and passed three supply measures, carrying a total appropriation of \$364,000,000. One of these measures, the pension appropriation bill carrying \$138,000,000, went through in six minutes.

The postoffice appropriation bill had a tempestuous career. The proposed extension of the pneumatic tube mail service caused a spirited debate and two roll-calls. The amendment increasing the appropriation \$300,000 and providing for an extension not to exceed one and one-half million dollars annually, went out. When the bill got into the senate, Mr. Foraker, Republican of Ohio, routed his previous victor, Mr. Gorman, Democrat of Maryland, and restored the provision although no limitation is specified. If the amendment is agreed upon in conference, the postmaster general, under existing law, will have authority to extend the service to Cleveland, Cincinnati, Pittsburg, or other cities of that class if he so desires.

The senate passed the bill removing the tariff of the Philippine Islands and sent through the river and harbor bill, after adopting amendments aggregating \$4,000,000 excess of the house bill which carried over \$30,000,000.

A feature of the session was a sarcastic reference made to a message from the president, urging the passage of the two bills, prohibiting interstate commerce in infected cattle.

Mr. Hale, (Rep., Maine) who recently created a sensation by criticizing the president's foreign and naval policies said: "I trust that the committee that has these matters in charge, and for that matter the whole senate, will take notice of the admonition that this body has not been

prompt and ready in passing legislation. I hope the committee to which this message has been referred will consider this admonition and will, so far as it has any discretion left, and so far as the few hours of the session remaining will allow, will bring this matter before the senate and will endeavor, as I presume committees of this body do, to do its duty in the matter."

Senator Dolliver, (Rep., Iowa) a member of the committee on interstate commerce, who has been laboring for the enactment of freight rate legislation, by this congress, introduced a resolution providing for an investigation of the questions of additional legislation to legislate interstate commerce, fixing freight rates, etc., by consisting of seven senators and seven representatives and stipulating that a report shall be made to congress by the 10th day of the month of May the tenth day of the new session. Immediate consideration of the resolution was refused.

Mr. Heyburn (Rep., Idaho) has given the senate notice that definite action must be taken before adjournment on the pure food bill that he has been pressing for one entire session.

The sundry civil appropriation bill was still before the senate tonight while the house which had the general deficiency bill, the last of the great supply measures, under consideration all day, finally passed it tonight.

An amendment, providing fine and imprisonment for judges who falsify their expense account, was adopted.

Mr. Maynard, (Dem., Va.) offered an amendment increasing the president's salary to \$75,000 a year and the vice president's to \$15,000, but point of argument raised by Mr. Baker (N. Y.) was immediately sustained by the chair.

Another amendment adopted for mileage for members for the extra session of over a year ago.

The bill carries a total of over \$31,000,000.

BATTLE AGAINST OIL TRUST ON IN EARNEST

The Last Word of the Kansas Legislature to Standard Oil---Drastic Measure Passed

By the "Juse."

Topeka, Kansas, March 1.—The battle against the alleged "oil trust" is in earnest, the last of the restrictive measures having passed the house today.

It now goes to the senate where a large majority of the members support it and Governor Hoch has promised to sign it.

Following are the bills which will surely become a part of the Kansas statutes:

1. Providing \$410,000 for state oil refinery bill already passed and signed by the governor.
 2. Pipe lines made common carriers.
 3. Maximum freight rate fixed for transportation of oil.
 4. Pipe lines placed under the jurisdiction of the board of railway commissioners.
 5. Discrimination between localities in selling any commodity prohibited.
- By a vote of 82 to 18 the house today passed the anti-discrimination bill. This is the final blow that will be aimed at the Standard Oil Co. during the present session of the legislature.

Before taking final action the house amended the bill so that it does not apply to Kansas firms which do not cut prices with the intention of destroying competition to create a monopoly. This amendment removed all obstacles from the Kansas jobbers who feared the bill would kill their business.

The bill will now go to a conference and the house amendment will be agreed to by the senate. The bill will

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